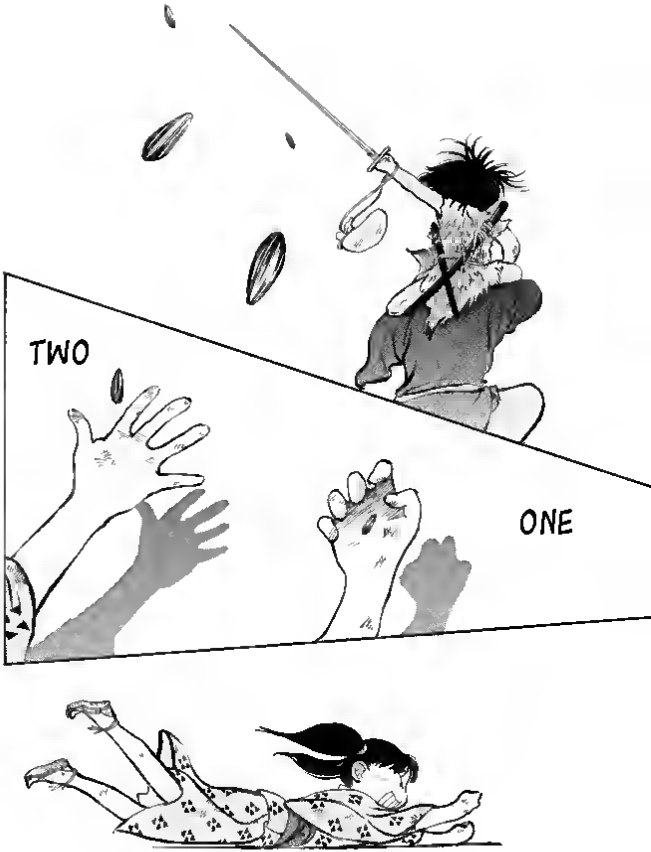
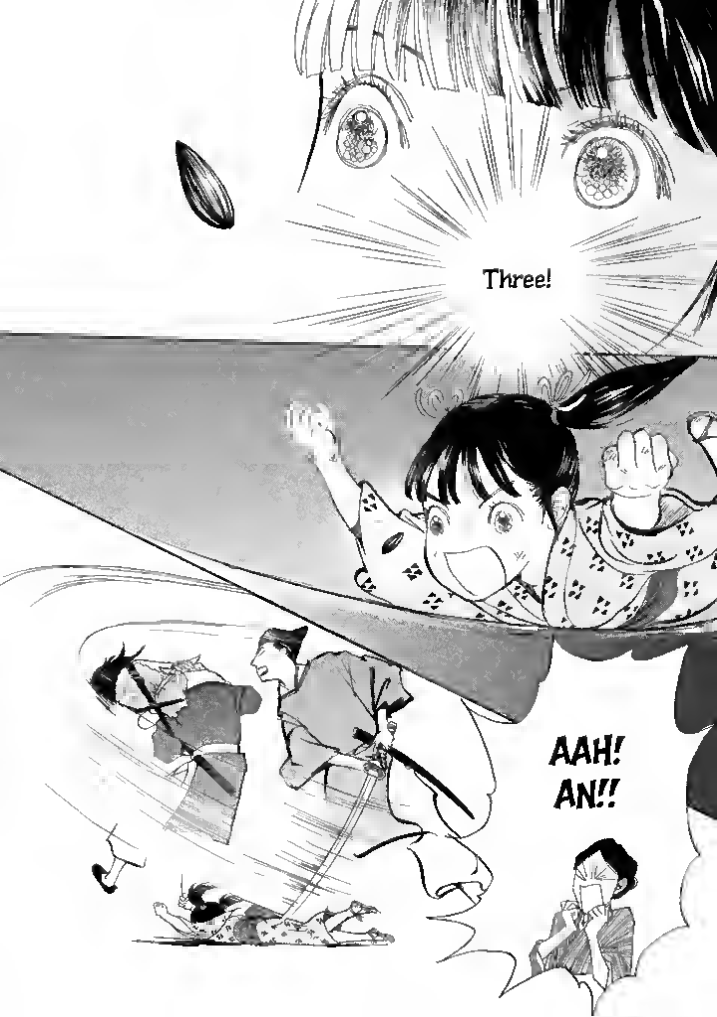
CHAPTER 4

THE STENCH OF THE DEAD


TWO
ONE

SHE WENT INTO THE MOB WHILE THEY WERE HACKING AT EACH OTHER!
WHAT IS THAT GIRL DOING?!
In the sword fight,
I can't detect her presence when everything is so jumbled up
An
Where are you?

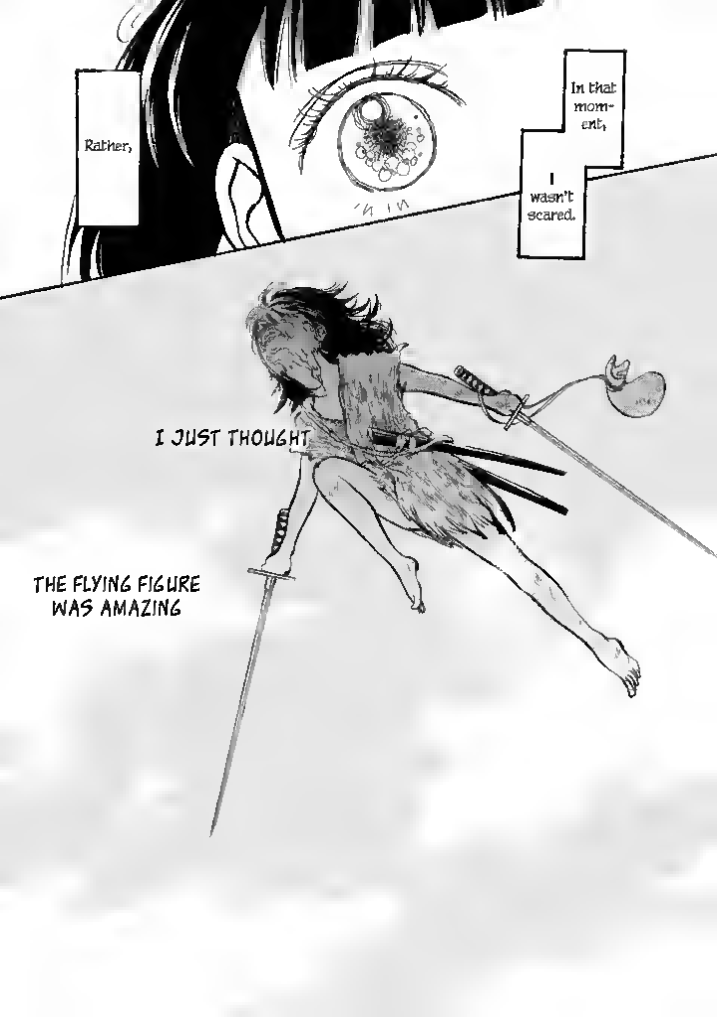

Three!
AAH!
AN!!

GULP

COME HERE RIGHT NOW!
AN!

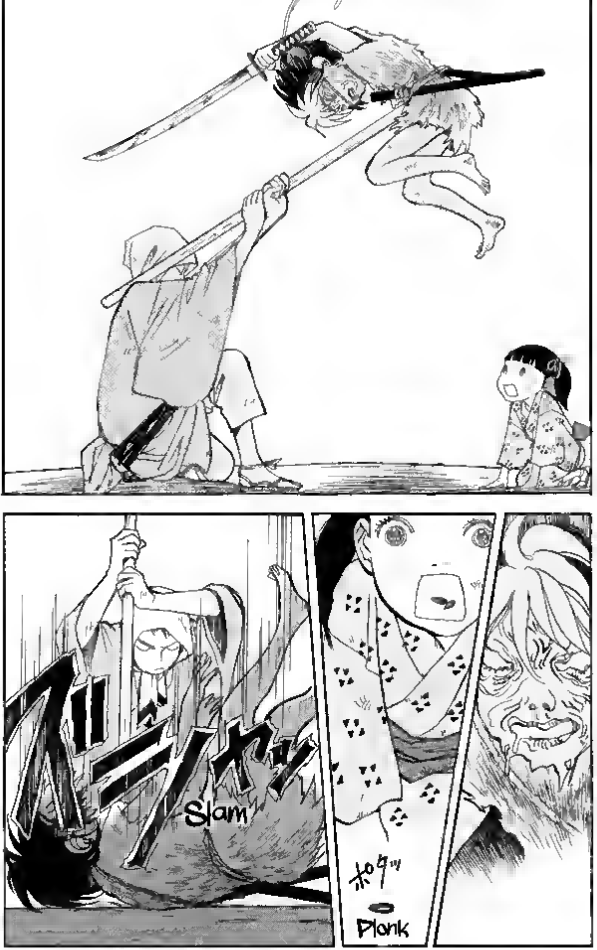
AN!

GULP
GULP
THEY ALL WENT DOWN MY THROAT


Rather,
In that moment,
I wasn't scared.
I JUST THOUGHT
THE FLYING FIGURE WAS AMAZING

THE BLOOD-LUST...
THE SMELL OF DEATH...
COME

Amazing.
Amazing.
But...
NO!!


ズバッ
Slam
ポタッ
Plonk

HUFF
HUFF

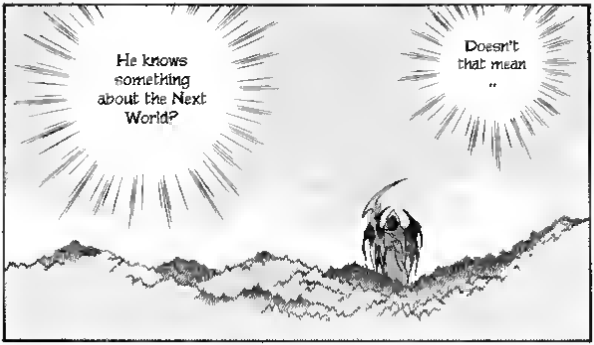
THE FRAGRANCE OF SANDAL WOOD!...
FINISH HIM, SUTE-KICHI!

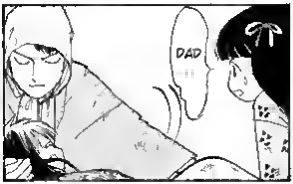
THE STENCH OF A CORPSE
THE SMELL OF BLOOD!
AND...

SHAKE SHAKE

H-HURRY AND FINISH HIM OFF!!

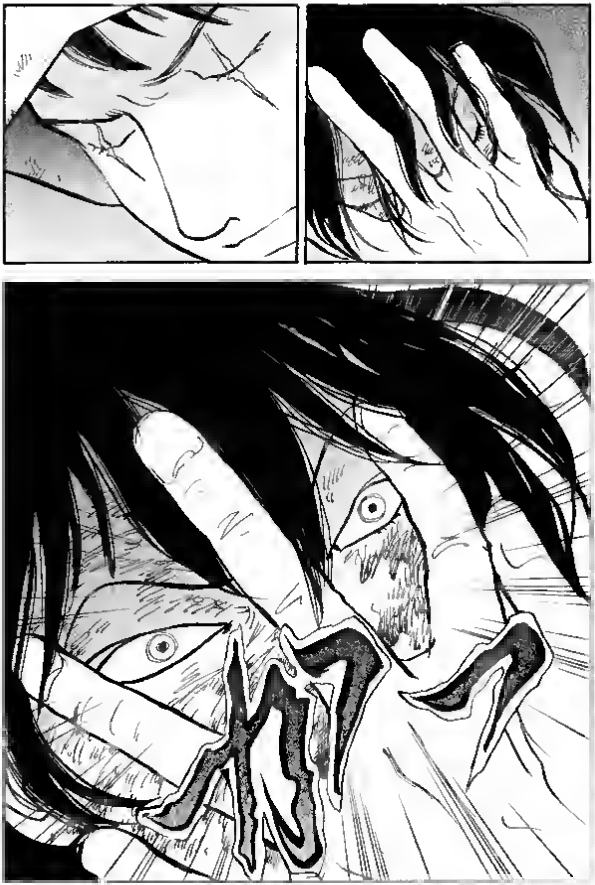
IT CERTAINLY FEELS LIKE MR AYAME'S FACE
BUT...A CHILD?
THIS IS WHAT I THOUGHT WHILE DAD PEELED OFF THE MASK
That child
Could fly.


He knows something about the Next World?
Doesn't that mean ..


DAD

SUTEKICHI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FATHER.
A GIRL ..
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL THEM, ARE YOU?

HURRY, AND FINISH THEM ALREADY!

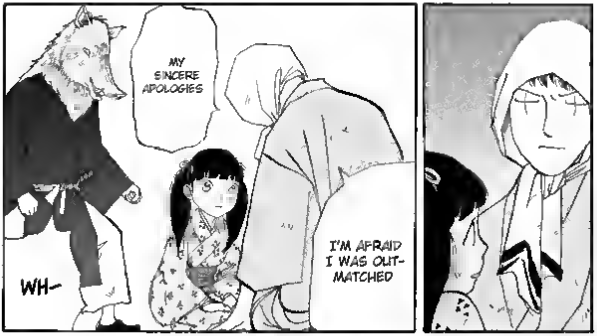


SUTEKICHI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
あ Wooooooow!
THIS TIME
I KILL

KILL THEM!
URGH!

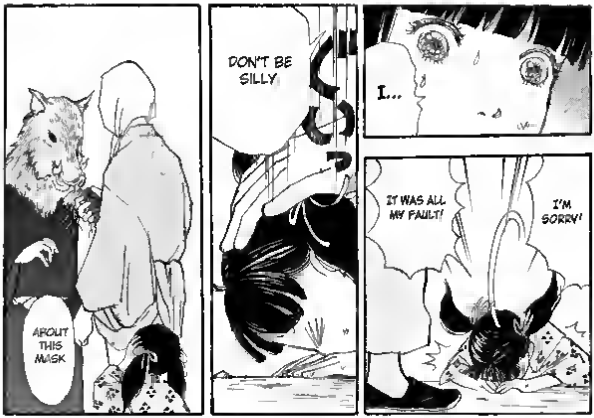
Oh no!
Tumble
ポロ
ぱっ
Gasp
SEX GULP
カッ
ゴクッ
DAD

With such a grim face
I've seen my dad
This was the first time
SUTEKICHI, WHAT HAPPENED?!
D-DID YOU JUST LET HIM GO?


MY SINCERE APOLOGIES
I'M AFRAID I WAS OUT-MATCHED
WH-

CHASE AFTER HIM!
SUTEKICHI, I SHALL PUNISH YOU LATER.

NO!
SURELY HE DOESN'T DESERVE DEATH?

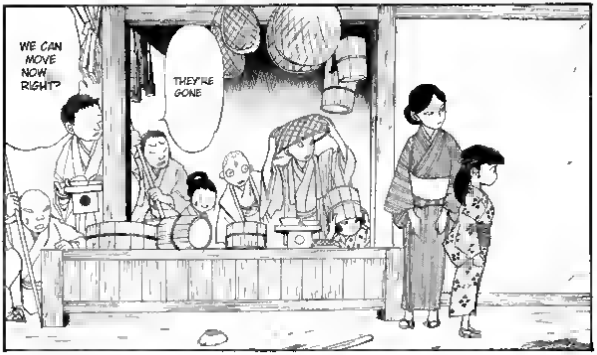

ABOUT THIS MASK
DON'T BE SILLY
I...
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT!
I'M SORRY!

HMMM
I TRUST YOU KNOW HIS FACE, HAVING TENDED TO HIM
BUT... WE CAN'T BE SURE RIGHT NOW
TAKEN FROM THE COFFIN IT SEEMS
THIS IS MR AYAME'S FACE

JOIN IN WITH MR. AYAME'S FUNERAL PROCESSION
I'LL OPEN THE COFFIN AND CHECK WHEN WE REACH THE GRAVEYARD.
OKAY.
I knew
That was...
DAD
SORRY. I WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HEIJI'S FUNERAL PROCESSION
THAT'S THE SKIN FROM A HUMAN FACE RIGHT?
I HAVEN'T SEEN A FACE THAT WAS SO WRINKLY—

THIS IS FROM A MONKEY
SFX: SLAP!
FOLLOW HEITA AND HIS FATHER'S FUNERAL PROCESSION IN MY STEAD WILL YOU?
DON'T WORRY I WON'T PUNISH YOU...

MONKEY'S FACE OR NOT, TAKE IT AWAY IT'S DISGUSTING
HURRY AND GO.
LEAVE THE REST TO ME.


WE CAN MOVE NOW, RIGHT?
THEY'RE GONE

NOT OFTEN DO WE HAVE AN EN LIGHTENED ONE'S FUNERAL PROCESSION PASSING THROUGH
I'LL TELL YOU MORE WHEN WE CAN NO LONGER SEE THE VILLAGE CHIEF'S FUNERAL PROCESSION
I WON'T WANT TO RUIN IT

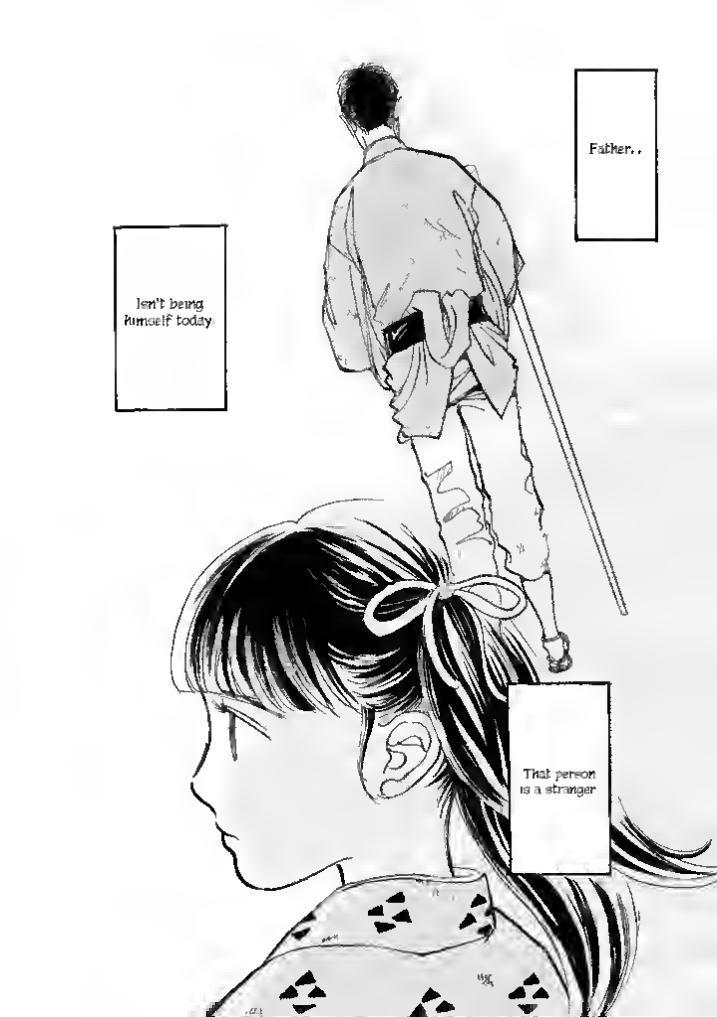
THE LADY'S SON WAS AN AWFUL DISASTER
I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE TO THE ENLIGHTENED FIFTY YOU'D BETTER BE MORE CAUTIOUS

I HOPE THEY DON'T COME BACK...
THEY DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT YOU SO IT'S OKAY

YOUR DAD IS MUCH BETTER OFF
DAD...
THE PERSON HEADING OFF THAT WAY...
HAS HAD HIS FACE TORN OFF.
AN

BECAUSE THE LORD OF THE HEAVENS IS WATCHING US?
THAT'S RIGHT
DON'T ALWAYS SPEAK YOUR MIND
AUNT MARY
FATHER AND THIS MR AYAME, WERE THEY FRIENDS?
I DON'T KNOW ALL I DO KNOW
IS THAT MR AYAME WAS THE VILLAGE CHIEF.
MY BROTHER USED TO GO TO HIS HOUSE TO SERVE AS A GUARDSMAN
AND EVEN THOUGH HE'S BLIND HE CAN STILL CARRY OUT ACU-PUNCTURE.
HE SOMEHOW GOT AYAME TO LIKE HIM, BUT HE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT IT

I'M TRYING TO STAY OUT OF THAT SORT OF THING
IN EXCHANGE WE GET TO LIVE PEACEFUL LIVES
AND THERE ARE TIMES WHEN HE DOES WELL. AN, I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER THAT
OKAY
YOUR FACE TELLS ME YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL


Father..
Isn't being himself today
That person is a stranger

I, too, am keeping secrets.
I, TOO...
IN SECRET OF COURSE
YOU REALLY SHOULD TRY AND SOW THOSE SEEDS IN YOUR MOUTH

YOU'RE DAWDLING ROUND HERE AGAIN!
MR WAGUNE,
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU!
COMING! ♡

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Jingle
Jingle
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